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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Stand Up, Brethren.

A wise and good man once wrote, "Our proper business here is neither to grieve nor to whine, but to be men."

This common sense, philosophic, and scriptural sentiment is worthy of the most earnest consideration; and is specially commended to brethren recently representing themselves and others as "poor missionaries," "starving missionaries," &c., &c. It would seem from many late epistles and recitals abroad, as though that class of ministers represented as ready to endure hardness as good soldiers of the Cross of Jesus Christ, were failing from the earth.

Will this be admitted? Or may there not be discovered a spirit of whining in these doleful complaints. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master." We rejoice in the assurance that at least three-fourths, if not nine-tenths, of all the missionaries of our Domestic Board have no sympathy with these fault-findings and condemnations.

It is enough for us to know that as the streams of water rise and fall, so those of beneficence, irrigating the moral wastes, are subject to swelling and again to depression. Yet, as in the one so in the other, in due time the streams will flow again, and verdure, and bloom, and abundant harvests will follow. "For Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest:" "God's people shall be willing in the day of his power." Our church has not yet ventured upon a self-sustentation scheme, but only to supplement and aid, just so far as the faith and beneficence of God's people will justify.

Our missionaries are scattered well nigh through all the land, whilst the pitiful cries are heard almost exclusively from a single quarter; and that, too, from one which many consider to have been favoured beyond proportion. In view, therefore, of the 'esprit du corps' of the missionaries as a class, the highest interests of our beloved Zion, and the honour of our Lord, we entreat, let this whining cease. If continued, its only influence can be to worry and discourage; but never to provoke to love and good works?

Thanks to the Lord God and Redeemer! we are not engaged in a despairing work.

Embarrassments arise simply from the vastness and ripeness of the field, sending forth the old and the increasing cry "*Come over to help us.*"

Only let all our ministers, missionaries as well as others, faithfully heed the injunction of the General Assembly, and of our respective Synods, to bring out before all the people, the mind of the Spirit in the word as to the "grace of giving," and the churches, one and all, double their contributions of last year, to the Boards both of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and *all will be well*.

In rare instances indeed would there be any sacrifice in this,—but simply a grateful response to the voice of the Master—"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A MISSIONARY.

Report from Minnesota.

The following extracts from the report of a missionary in Minnesota, contain valuable suggestions, the result, we presume, of personal observation. There can be no doubt that in some instances new enterprises have been projected and churches organized injudiciously, without due regard to their character and prospective growth and usefulness:

"That suffering in the future may be partially prevented, let the following instructions be given to Presbyterian Committees, and District Missionaries:

(1.) That no district missionary, chairman of Presbyterian or other Committees, shall recommend to any persons seeking fields of missionary labour, any place they have never seen, as eligible, or a point where a good field could be developed, simply because it is a point on some important line of railroad.

(2.) That district missionaries, &c., should first of all seek out Presbyterians—the scattered sheep of our own fold, and in the most important points—when these are found, first organize Presbyterian churches: and in no case shall a church organized, be taken under the care of the Board, with any less than five Presbyterians—*bona fide*—and at least one good male member, to serve as elder and circulate subscription papers, for the purpose of raising his pastor's salary.

(3.) Let our district missionaries be instructed plainly and distinctly, that until our whole Presbyterian field is covered, not one church made up wholly of unpresbyterian, or of such persons as say that they prefer other churches to our own, and will join some other church when it comes round, shall be added to the roll of Presbyterian churches and saddled upon our Board to be a dead expense to it. Our Church has *need of thousands of dollars* to expend on live Presbyterian points; not a *single one* to be squandered in keeping free boarding houses, for other denominations to save their means, till it suits them to enter in and occupy to our, in many cases, very material detriment.

(4.) Instruct your district missionaries to look not so much to the *quantity* as the *quality* of their church organizations. We had better have a fewer number of organizations properly sustained, than to have so many not half, nor nearly half sustained. Strength and durability, must be looked after in church organizations. Our brethren of the "other branch" of the Presbyterian Church in this State, have, I believe, but little over half the number of organizations in this State that we have, yet they are stronger. They look to *character* not *number* of such organizations.

(5.) Now, my dear brother, I say again, that "CAUTION" must be compelled by that power that has the right to compel it; or the gigantic weight of our undertakings will crush for want of support;—caution, I mean, in organizing new fields and churches, and inducing men to enter in and occupy, who will be left to

do the best they can to get a support; and in that way be crippled, in their usefulness. Let the enterprises now on foot in Minnesota be well sustained, and compel "caution," in their augmentation. I recommend two fields where "caution," in this regard, *must be compelled*—Minnesota, and the new district lately erected in Northern Iowa.

(6.) Instruct your district missionaries never to organize a church when the people to be organized, at time of organization, are not willing to subscribe all in their power to support their missionary, and give liberally to all the enterprises of benevolence in our church; for a people who are not prepared to do these things are not fit to be organized into a Presbyterian Church. It is certainly evident that a district missionary could organize any amount of churches anywhere almost, if the "Board and Eastern Friends" would do the supporting.

Would to God that our churches would furnish all the means we could profitably spend, in carrying on our Church's enterprises; but so long as we have to work with limited means, we must proceed "cautiously."

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JANUARY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 1st ch 264 99; State St ch, Albany, add'l 250; Albany 3d ch 100, of which Sab-sch 30; Ballston Centre ch 48, of which Sab-sch 10, and mo con 18; Carlisle ch 9; Esperance ch 11. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newport 1st ch 104 16. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida ch 105; Oswego 1st ch Sab-sch 40. *Pby of Troy*—Waterford ch 116 37, of which 12 73 from the Sab-sch; 2d ch Troy, add'l 5; Malta ch 5 \$1,058 52

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Bull Creek ch 14; Natrona ch 8; Portersville ch 6. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Cross Roads ch 40. *Pby of Beaver*—Beaver Falls ch 115 06; Unity ch 31 75; Newport ch 13; Slippery Rock ch 17 38, of which Sab-sch 2 38. *Pby of Erie*—Meadville ch 40 235 19

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 120; Aisquith St ch, Baltimore 8 50; New Windsor ch 8; Broadway ch, Baltimore, add'l 10; Chesnut Grove ch 20. *Pby of Carlisle*—Carlisle 2d ch 134 68; Mercersburg ch 83; Harrisburg ch, a special contribution from the Sab-sch class of H M Graydon, Esq 25; Seventh St ch, Harrisburg, from Sab-sch female class No 1, 2 50; Upper Path Valley ch 34; Wells Valley ch 13 72; Green Hill ch 25 38; McConnellsburg ch 41 90; St Thomas ch 10 60; Strasburg ch 12 50; Rocky Spring ch 5 40, Estate of M Patton, dec'd 10 = 38 50. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Ave ch, Washington, D C, add'l 74 33 639 51

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Central ch, Buffalo, add'l 57 83. *Pby of Genesee River*—Caledonia ch, a special col 39. *Pby of Rochester City*—St Peter's ch, Rochester 50 146 83

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Princeton ch Sab-sch 34 35. *Pby of Chicago*—Elgin ch 5. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena Ger ch 10; Rock Run ch 9. *Pby of Schuyler*—Perry ch 16 10; Mt Sterling ch 8 15; Wythe ch 5. *Pby of Warren*—Keithsburg ch 15 102 60

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Marshall ch 8; Cynthia ch 3; New Market ch 5. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Bethel ch 18 06; Pleasant Ridge ch 48 15. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 11; Franklin ch 34 10; 1st ch Springfield 49 50. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 52 40. *Pby of Sidney*—New Salem ch 2 70 232 51

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Weston ch 3; Chatsworth ch 25; Gilman ch 9 58. *Pby of Palestine*—Greenup and Prairie City chs 4. *Pby of Peoria*—West Jersey ch 21 77. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 16; Wabash ch 4; Odin ch 5. *Pby of Sangamon*—Assumption ch 9 70; Springfield 1st ch 74 08; Farmington ch, add'l 10; Springfield 3d ch Sab-sch 32 35; Decatur 1st ch 24 33 238 81

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—New Prospect ch 7; Franklin 1st ch 33 35, of which Sab-sch 3. *Pby of New Albany*—Bedford ch

17 50; Livonia ch 4; Charlestown ch 40. *Pby of Vincennes*—Upper Indiana ch 5; Petersburg ch 8; Union ch 3. *Pby of White Water*—Centreville ch 12 04; Ebenezer ch 2 90 132 79

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Muscatine ch Sab-sch 6 70; Iowa City 1st ch 60; Davenport ch 73 91; Fulton ch 5; Rev J D Mason 5. *Pby of Dubuque*—Independence Ger ch 5 20. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarksville ch 5; Algona ch 5. *Pby of Vinton*—Big Grove ch 5 170 91

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Iola ch 10 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Richmond ch 36 50; Paint Lick ch 36 50; Danville 1st ch 152 70; Danville 2d ch 252 95. *Pby of Paducah*—Marion ch 30; Fredonia ch 4 50 513 15

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Pacific ch 6 30; Cove ch 6; Union ch 4. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Mirabile ch 10; Albany ch 6; Willow Grove ch 7 39 30

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Nashville*—Columbia 1st coloured ch 10 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Camden 1st ch 300. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabeth 1st ch, add'l 122 45; Perth Amboy ch 25; Plainfield 1st ch 40; Woodbridge ch 75. *Pby of Luzerne*—Newton ch 6; Weatherly ch 42 55, of which Beaver Meadow con 8 25, and Audenried congregation 18 50; Tunkhannock ch 37 50. *Pby of Monmouth*—Squan Village ch Sab-sch 6 50; Village ch, Freehold 40; Manalapan ch 43; Jamesburg ch 17. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Trenton 2d ch 157 40, of which 100 from J S H; Bound Brook ch 55, of which "5 a widow's mite;" Cranberry 2d ch 25. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 2d ch 22 18, of which 6 58 from Rockport Sab-sch. *Pby of Passaic*—Chester ch 88, of which 50 from a member; Chatham Village ch 10. *Pby of Raritan*—German Valley ch, add'l 1; Frenchtown ch 68; Bloomsburg ch 21. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wyalusing ch 9; Herrick ch 3 50; Warren ch 12 50. *Pby of West Jersey*—Hammononton ch, add'l 2; Blackwoodtown ch, add'l 6 88; Bridgeton 2d ch Sab-sch 30 15; May's Landing ch 2 18; Tuckahoe ch 2 1,271 79

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Gilead ch, "a New Year's offering" 40; South Salem ch 219, of which Ladies' Benevolent Association 100, Female Charitable Society 32. *Pby of Hudson*—Centreville ch 14; Liberty ch 8. *Pby of Long Island*—Moriches ch 15; Huntington 2d ch 7 84; West Hampton ch, add'l 8. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, add'l, from Norman White, Esq 300, Geo De Forest Lord, Esq 125 = 425; Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch, add'l, from Lucius Hopkins, for Arizona 500; Chelsea ch 14 67. *Pby of New York 2d*—Scotch ch \$260; Peekskill ch 50. *Pby of North River*—Newburgh 1st ch 260, of which Sab-sch 63, Infant class 19 10; Calvary ch,

Newburgh 17 28; Marlboro' ch 33; Middle Hope ch 15 30 1,910 19

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA.—*Phy of Crawfordsville*—Waveland ch 25; Bethany ch. from L H Adamson 3. *Phy of Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 1st ch 178; La Grange ch 21 89; Rev A F Randolph 2 36. *Phy of Muncie*—New Castle ch 19 50 249 75

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Phy of Columbus*—Amanda ch 7 41; Groveport ch 9; Lithopolis ch 6; Mt Sterling ch 2; Truro ch 8 25; Dublin ch 11 05; Mt Pleasant ch 45; Blendon ch 7 40; Westminster ch, Columbus 117 25. *Phy of Hoeking*—Barlow ch 5 09; Decatur ch 2 56; Sutton ch 3 60. *Phy of Marion*—Crestline ch 11. *Phy of Richland*—McKay ch 1 75; Haysville ch 2 90; Savannah ch 15; Ashland ch Sab-sch 52 10. *Phy of Wooster*—Chester ch. add'l 1; Congress ch. add'l 4 25; Wayne ch 16. *Phy of Zanesville*—McConnellsville ch 9 50; Coshocton ch 28, of which Sab-sch 20 376 11

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—Presbyterian ch of Jackson Co, Oregon 40. *Phy of Benicia*—Tomaes and Bodega chs 20 90. *Phy of Stockton*—Yreka ch 13. *Phy of Puget Sound*—Steilacoom ch from M F 2 50 76 40

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Phy of Donegal*—Wrightsville ch Sab-sch 44 01; Chancesford ch 80, less 6 25 for Record = 73 75. *Phy of Huntingdon*—Upper Tuscarora ch 44 61; Williamsburg ch 68; Bellefonte ch 215 45; Peru Mills ch 11. *Phy of New Castle*—Fagg's Manor 121 40; White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana chs 44; New Castle ch from Mrs A C Kerr 50. *Phy of Northumberland*—Lewisburg ch 110 45; Mifflinsburg ch Sab-sch 3 75; Chillisquaque ch 19; Washington ch 7; Lycoming Centre ch 23. *Phy of Philadelphia*—Fourth ch 60; Tenth ch. add'l from a member 100, Mrs Allen 1 = 101; South ch. add'l 30; Gloucester ch 6 29; Second ch from a member 10, and from another member 5 = 15; Chester ch 12, of which 20 from the Sab-sch. *Phy of Philadelphia Central*—Trinity ch 40; Hestonville ch 5; Spring Garden ch. add'l 200, from Mrs E A Smith 100, and Miss A Greenleaf 100. *Phy of Philadelphia 2d*—Bristol ch 33 88; Newtown ch Infant Sab-sch 2; Providence ch from a lady 2 50 and from Miss A J S 2 50 = 5; Neshaminy ch 75; Doylestown ch 39 45; Deep Run ch 2 1,567 04

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Phy of Blairsville*—Johnston ch, in part 60; Congruity ch. add'l 1; Wilkinsburg ch 33 43; New Salem ch. anonymous 2. *Phy of Clarion*—Brookville ch 20; Elkton ch 5; Bethesda ch 34 44; Oak Grove ch 4 36; Middle Creek ch 9 20. *Phy of Ohio*—Pittsburgh 2d ch 539 08, of which Sab-schs 55 50; Mt Olive ch 6; Pittsburgh 4th ch 85 75; East Liberty ch 296 83; Raceoon ch, estate of Emeline Kerr, dec'd. late of Washington Co, Pa 50. *Phy of Redstone*—McClellandtown ch 13; Brownsville ch from a Sab-sch class 27 40; New Providence and Greenboro' chs 15; Spring Hill ch 5. *Phy of Saltsburg*—Kittanning 1st ch from "—" 100; Indian Creek ch add'l 113 70, of which Sab-sch 74 20; Mechanicsburg ch 4; Clarksburg ch 15 75 1,440 94

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Phy of St Paul*—Stillwater 2d ch 39 50; White Bear Lake ch 4 25; St Peter 1st ch 40; Forest ch 12; Dundas ch 5 75. *Phy of Chippewa*—La Crosse ch 39 02; Sheldon ch 14, of which Yucatan Station 2; Caledonia ch 15, of which Sab-sch 5. *Phy of S Minnesota*—Janesville ch 6; Owatonna ch 27 202 52

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Phy of Findlay*—Shanesville ch 9 10; Harrison ch 4 65; Blue Creek ch 5 30. *Phy of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch 10; Rev R B Moore 15; Guilford ch 17 40 61 45

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Phy of Des Moines*—Columbia ch, in part 5. *Phy of Fairfield*—Vernon Prairie ch 2; Little Cedar ch 2; Lafayette ch 6 50; Liberty ch 6. *Phy of Iowa*—Mount Pleasant Ger ch 10 15; Round Grove ch 24 50, of which Sab-sch 3. *Phy of Missouri River*—Nebraska City ch, Golden Rule Miss'y Soc'y 14; Bedford ch, Mt Ayr station 6 50, West's Station 6 = 12 50 82 65

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Phy of New Lisbon*—Salem ch 20; Canfield ch 22. *Phy of St Clairsville*—Beallsville ch 13; Powhattan ch 10 60; Wheeling Valley ch 26; Short Creek ch 34; York ch 16; Pipe Creek ch from Mrs Caroline Lockwood

2 50; Kirkwood ch 36 81. *Phy of Steubenville*—Kilgore ch 11 25; Bloomfield ch 16 70; Oak Ridge ch 9; Island Creek ch 36 55; Wellsville ch 18. *Phy of Washington*—Washington 2d ch 23 50; Cross Creek ch 119 65. *Phy of West Virginia*—Morgantown ch, add'l from "J C" 10; Newburg ch 6 431 56

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Phy of Dane*—Richland Centre ch 3; Richland City ch 3; Fancy Creek ch 3 20. *Phy of Milwaukee*—Holland ch 12 50; West Granville Ger ch 5; Beloit 1st ch 58; Waukesha ch 30. *Phy of Winnebago*—Horicon ch 15; Neenah 1st ch 18; Depere ch 20; Juneau ch 5 172 70

Total received from churches \$11,423 52

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Sarah Limber 25, less exchange 15 cents 24 85

MISCELLANEOUS.—From "A Friend, H" 12 in. gold = 16 17; Rev W J M Cord 50 cts; C L M, Morristown, N J 10; Mrs J K. Troy, N Y 25; Returned by a Missionary 28 85; Nannie Campbell 1 25; S M 1; M, Montgomery, Ohio 5; D M L 25; Rev R Davidson, D. D. 10; Rev T C Anderson 5; Mrs Eliza M Alrich, Winterset, Iowa 5; A thank offering. Weatherly. Pa 50; Anonymous 6; Friends in Illinois 100; F Donleavy Long, Jersey Shore. Pa 10; A class in Newburg Sab-sch Pa 1; Mrs Henry J Biddle, Philadelphia 100; "S" for the Western States 10; Wm McMeans, Watson's Station, Ohio 5; A B K 10; R M W 20; Mrs John Morrison 25; Granite State 4; Mrs C, Peoria, Ill 5; D, interior of Pa 5; Miss M B Patterson, Green Tree, Pa 4; Miss M Peese, Dunningsville, Pa 1; Miss Margaret Smith, Dunningsville, Pa 2 490 77

Total Receipts in January, 1869, \$11,839 14

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,

No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of the 2d ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, valued at \$161 19
1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch, Cummins-ville, Ohio, valued at 64 00
1 box from the ladies of the Southeast ch, N Y, valued at 137 00
1 box from the ladies of the Derry ch, Pa, valued at 75 00
1 box from the ladies of the Meadville ch, Pa, valued at 142 00
1 box from the ladies of the Frankford ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 80 00
1 box from the ladies of the Throop Avenue ch, Brooklyn, N Y, valued at 300 00
1 box from the ladies of the 2d ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 220 00
3 boxes from the ladies of the Central ch, Cincinnati, Ohio, valued at 550 00
1 box from the ladies of the Salem ch, N J, valued at 250 00
1 box from the ladies of the Rondout ch, N Y, valued at 300 00
1 box from the ladies of the Abington ch, Pa, valued at 160 00
1 box from the ladies of the New York Avenue ch, Washington, D C, valued at 150 62
1 box from the ladies of the Allentown ch, N J, valued at 160 91
\$2750 72

33 The contribution of \$40 credited to Bethel church, Ohio Presbytery, in the last Record was a typographical error. It should have been \$140.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—REV. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer.—SAMUEL D. POWEL

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.—MATT. xxvii. 19-20.

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

(STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST SABBATH IN MARCH 1869.)

The points which the Board of Education would seek to bring before the churches, in connection with the annual presentation of its work, are,

I. The estrangement of the youth of the land from the office of the ministry of the gospel.

This is seen in all branches of the Christian church. Let us look at it in our own. In 81 of the principal Presbyteries, with which this Board had correspondence on the subject last year, within whose bounds there are 1,840 churches and 168,603 members, it was stated to us that there were 236 students for the ministry. Of these, 182 were assisted by the Board, and 54 did not require its aid. If we allow the former to be the half of those looking to the ministry, we have about 360 in all; that is less than *one* student to each five churches, or *one* in each 468 communicants, which would be about *one* in each 234 families. When we remember that God gives us an intimation of the measure of consecration due as to our sons in the requisition first of every first-born, afterwards of one tribe in twelve of Israel—when we mark the numbers and diligence of the priests of false and heathen systems—when we behold a world lying unconverted eighteen hundred years after an atonement has been made sufficient to wash all the sins of all its sinners forever away—we must stand convicted of great guilt in this matter before God.

And the unbelief and worldliness of the young at the present time must be a subject of distress and apprehension to every reflecting Christian. How few appear disposed to arrest their pursuit of pleasure and gain, and to turn their ears to attend to the dying cries, borne on the gales from heathen shores, of perishing millions sinking to eternal woe! How few raise their eyes from the employments which terminate on self, to observe the hand of the Lord now breaking with a rod of iron the kings and rulers that have set themselves against his kingdom, and the mighty power with which he is bringing low every mountain and hill, and filling every valley, that all flesh may see the salvation of God.

It becomes this Board, in behalf of the General Assembly, to entreat brethren of the ministry to set before the young men of their churches the vast wants of a world of dying men, the urgent claims of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the stress of personal obligation in the case of those possessed of the qualifications for usefulness.

And it is most solemnly urged upon brethren to consider that, since the young require to be informed as to duty, and their course is chiefly shaped by those whom God has placed over them, the increase of the labourers for the world's harvest must depend mainly upon the influence of pastors, parents, and sabbath-school teachers. We who hold such positions will be held responsible in the judgment. We will be honoured in that day in proportion to our faithfulness.

II. The duty of sympathy and prayer for students in the various parts of their course of preparation to preach the gospel.

They need it, that the Divine Spirit may be given them, to elevate their motives and purposes; to sustain them when tempted or discouraged; to inspire them with faithfulness, self-denial, and diligence in study; to make them a blessing to their companions and friends. And, if the world is to be brought to Christ, we ought

to beseech that these dear sons of the Church may be made those mighty and flaming angels of mercy, by whose proclamations of the gospel the nations are to be awakened from their superstitions, and turned to the Lord. There are men to live who will be blessed far beyond the apostles Paul or Peter, or the reformer Luther. Let us pray that among the present students for the ministry there may be some of such men.

III. The necessity that the Board of Education shall have larger means to aid the students recommended for pecuniary aid by the Presbyteries.

About one-half of the entire number of students for the ministry require aid in some portion of their course. Who these shall be is decided by the Presbyteries to which they belong, after careful examination of each case. And no money is paid except after recommendation by a Presbytery, and, further, upon the receipt of a satisfactory quarterly report from the academy, college, or seminary, as to the progress of each student.

The number of students is increasing since the close the war. There were connected with the Board last year 294. There had been received during the year, according to the report to the General Assembly, 106 new candidates. The recent years have been as follows: 1862, 74; 1863, 38; 1864, 61; 1865, 54; 1866, 83; 1867, 81; 1868, 106. During the nine months since the Assembly there have been received 81.

The Board should grant liberal extra aid, according to the recommendation of the Assembly, in the present expensive times to those who specially require it. And these are not a few. Many are the sons of ministers and others who cannot materially aid them.

Some of the cases are very affecting. Of one it is said, "He is the son of a clergyman, a godly and zealous preacher of the doctrines of grace, one of the early missionaries in this field. He wore himself out, and is buried in the cemetery here. His widow is a very intelligent and devoted Christian woman. She is in feeble health, and with another member of her family is chiefly dependent upon what this son can earn in addition to his appropriation from the Board of Education and the aid of our people here. He is very industrious, prudent, economical, and labours with all his might to aid himself and his mother. He has made good progress in study the last year; has good talent, and a desire to promote the glory of Christ. I believe he will, if spared and educated, make a faithful and useful minister of the gospel."

Some of the candidates are men of great promise for the future. The chairman of a Committee on Education in one of our larger Presbyteries writes of a student, whose influence in hours not devoted to study has been greatly blessed to some poor classes in the neighbourhood: "Brother ——— is one of the most zealous, devoted, and efficient workers I ever knew."

The pious relatives of some of the young men are toiling, and making great sacrifices, in order to assist them to prepare to preach the gospel. Of more than one we know, whose widowed mothers and sisters are voluntarily engaged in employments which help to support the family and enable perhaps an only son and brother to go on in study.

During late years the unusually small number of candidates had allowed some surplus to accumulate in the treasury of the Board, which has now been consumed, so that it had not enough on hand to pay the January appropriations; and was only enabled to meet them by the timely aid which some of our stronger churches, through the goodness of God, were inclined to send us.

The Board would call the attention of the churches to the resolution adopted last month: "That it is the estimate of this Board, that, in order to meet the pledges to candidates for the ministry, and also to grant as liberally as it ought the *extra* appropriations which the General Assembly has recommended to be granted to many who, while the present cost of living continues, require more than the ordinary allowance, the sum of *fifty-five thousand dollars* will be needed in the *Ministerial Department* during the ensuing year:—in order to raise this amount the contributions of the churches generally should be increased one-half beyond those of the past year."

Statement of the Board of Education. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, THURSDAY, FEB. 25TH, 1869.

[This statement has been published in the church papers, and thus reached the eyes of most of the readers of the *Record*. It is inserted here that it may renew its appeals to any who may not have observed the Day of Prayer for schools, or made then any contribution to the School Fund.]

The Board of Education, in obedience to the order of the General Assembly, would make the following statement in regard to its operations in the School Department during the past year, for the information of the members of the Church, who shall convene upon the last Thursday in February, for prayer to God in behalf of institutions of learning, and to contribute, at the same time, to those under the care of the Church, such aid as they may require.

The Board most anxiously presents the topic of prayer as that which is of most importance. The religious condition of the youth in our schools is a subject which ought to awaken in every thoughtful mind the deepest concern. We leave out of view at present the six millions of scholars in the schools of all kinds in the country, upon whom its future of honour or of shame depends. We ask special attention to the fact that the last Minutes of the General Assembly reported the young persons in our Sabbath-schools to be 221,340. Out of these, and of other baptized young persons connected with the Church, there are, at a low estimate, 50,000 youths and young men possessed of fair intellect and primary education. How many of them *might* become heralds of divine mercy to this vast, dark, sinful, perishing generation of men, we leave others to estimate; how many *are* under the care of the Church with that design before them the Minutes state,—326. We are sure that each of these sums in the Minutes is too small; if they are proportionally so, then less than an average of one in each 150 of the baptized or Christian young men of the Presbyterian Church, less than 6 in each 1,000, have heard the call of the Saviour, “follow thou me;” “preach the gospel to the poor;” “proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” What are the remaining 149 in each 150, the remaining 994 in each 1,000 doing? What great work calls them?—what are the honours which invite them?—what are the objects so dear to them?—that they should thus forsake the service of the Lord God, that they should let his house lie waste?

We heard recently a painful appeal for ministers from one of our best Presbyteries, in which there were reported eighteen vacant churches, containing sixteen hundred communicants, representing a large, wealthy, and intelligent population, being about one-third of the congregation in its bounds. If such be the vitals of the Church, what is the condition of its extremities? What the condition of the hundreds of millions in anti-christian and heathen lands, now so piteously stretching out their hands for the bread of life? While we spend a day in special prayer before the Lord for the sons of the Church, let these things deeply move our souls.

“Awake! awake! stand up, O Jerusalem,
Which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury;
There is none to guide her

Among all the sons whom she hath brought forth;
Neither is there any that taketh her by the hand,
Of all the sons that she hath brought up.

Thus saith the Lord.

The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,
Ask me of things to come;

Concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hand,
Command ye me.”

In the work of helping the noble men who are toiling, and suffering, often greatly, to perform the work of planting and maintaining Presbyterian institutions of learning, there are some points of great interest which might be mentioned, to encourage those who contribute their money. The last Annual Report of the Board furnishes material worth spreading before the churches on this day. Let us only state here some things respecting what has been done since May, when that report was made.

During these nine months the Board of Education has aided fourteen schools, in nine Synods, extending from New York to Santa Fe, and from Wisconsin to New Orleans. Nine of these have a special claim in their missionary character, being for the benefit of French, German, and Spanish populations.

Help has been granted to eight institutions of an academical character, in seven Synods, almost as wide apart.

Two colleges have received assistance, without which they would have been able to accomplish little, if indeed they could have kept their doors open.

The German Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, has been directly aided (besides appropriations to most of its students,) by help in the support of its Assistant Professor.

Several of these institutions have needed more than it was in the power of the Board to grant; others, which needed aid, have of necessity been refused it.

In all, the Board has made grants to *twenty-five* schools, academies, and colleges, every one of them in regions, or amidst populations, where the assistance granted was a genuine work for the Saviour, and for the promotion of Christian education, where that was of the utmost importance, religiously and socially.

The wants of this arm of the Presbyterian Church, for the coming year, are such that the Board feels called upon to appeal for twice the amount that has been contributed of late years to the School Department. It would impress upon the attention of those who meet on this day for prayer, in different parts of the land, the fact that the best interests of religion, as committed to our care, will suffer unless our churches give more largely, and unless many that have never given anything in this direction, send pecuniary aid. And the attention of brethren of the ministry is earnestly called to the resolution adopted at the January meeting of the Board, and published in the February *Record*: "That in the School Department, the Board cannot do justice to the advancing interest in schools among foreign populations, and aid those which look to the Church for help from destitute regions, with a less sum than *ten thousand dollars*, which is twice the amount of the past collections for that department."

In behalf of the Board of Education.

WILLIAM SPEER, *Cor. Sec.*

"ARE WE IN EARNEST?"—Said a minister in a meeting of Presbytery, where desires for a revival had been expressed, "Brethren, the first thing for us to settle is—Are we in earnest?" The solemn question went home to the hearts of those present. They remained till a late hour at night, confessing sins before God, and pleading for mercy upon the souls of their people. That scene was the beginning of a revival of religion in that Presbytery.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JANUARY, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 1st ch 53 35; Schenectady ch 214 98; Albany 3d ch 30	\$298 33
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Cross Roads ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Salem ch 20; Johnstown ch 65 75	85 75
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch	65 85
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Bethany ch	1 85
<i>Pby of Chillisnothe</i> —Chillisnothe 1st ch	33 83
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Plainfield 1st ch 20; Woodbridge ch 10	30 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peter's ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —West Hampton ch	10 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch, New York	660 48
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Washington Heights ch 38; Inwood ch 45	83 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Belvidere ch	30 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Princeton 1st ch	52 50
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch, add'l	3 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Ninth ch Phila 9; Chester ch Sab-sch 10	19 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch, from two Ladies 5; Neshaminy ch 18 50	23 50
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Kittanning 1st ch 300; Leechburg ch 20 50; Bethesda ch 2 60	323 10
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Concord ch 12 50; Bethel ch 4 60	17 10
<i>Synod of the Pacific</i> —Jackson Co Pres ch, Oregon	10 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Washington ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch	44 00

\$1,846 34

LEGACIES.

Estate of Emeline Kerr, late of Washington Co Pa 50; John Means, late of Lebanon ch, Allegheny Co, Pa, per Rev A C Rockwell, executor	7,450 42, (interest only to be used)	7,500 42
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs J K. Troy, N Y 10; Friends in Ill 100; F Donleavy Long, A.M., Jersey Shore, Pa 5; Per Rev B J Bettleheim, Brookfield, Mo 5; R, Bridgehampton, L I 5; H Collins, N Y 2; Interest Mean's Fund 183		310 00
		\$9,656 76

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &C.

<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tunkhannock ch, special	\$1 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

C L M and M K M, Morristown, N J	10 00
	\$11 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$9,667 76

WILLIAM MAIN, *Treasurer.*

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Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. R. Lenington writes from Brotas, Brazil, November 10th, that he had lately admitted four persons to the communion of the church. The Rev. Wm. Hamilton, of the Omaha Mission, had the privilege of baptizing sixteen of the adult Indians on the 10th of January, besides two persons, one of them an Indian, a few days before; these eighteen persons sat down with the missionaries at the communion table, and the service was one of deep interest. Another adult Indian was baptized on the 13th of January, and there are some who will probably soon be received as members of the church, besides others who seem to be under religious impressions. This good work of grace, it is hoped, will be extended to others still. It is very encouraging to the missionaries to witness, after such long delay, this evidence of the blessing of God upon their labours.

Some of the annual reports of the missions have come to hand, and in these we see proofs of the Divine blessing in the hopeful conversion of souls. Thus the Rev. J. R. Ramsay reports fourteen persons admitted to the communion of the Seminole church during the year; and the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, in reporting the condition of the boarding-schools at Shanghai, mentions the admission of sixteen of the scholars as communicants—eleven from the boys' school and five from the girls' school.

PRINTING PRESS AT SHANGHAI.—The number of pages printed last year was 25,698,221—of which over ten millions were pages of the Scriptures; see extracts from the report on another page.

TEACHERS WANTED AT SHANGHAI.—Mr. Farnham at Shanghai sends a plea for two unmarried ladies as teachers. After referring to the urgent need of assistance in the two boarding-schools, he says, "We have long hesitated to ask for the appointment of a young lady to assist us, lest her situation might not be considered satisfactory. But competent judges think that two such teachers might live together in a house near the schools and one of the mission families safely, comfortably, and pleasantly. At any rate here is a field to which, if you can introduce a couple of labourers, we shall give them a warm welcome, and do all in our power to secure for them a pleasant home, and to assist them in their work."

ENCOURAGEMENT IN JAPAN.—The Rev. E. Cornes says, "We are very much encouraged in our work and the prospects of the mission. Doors of usefulness are opening further than we can enter, and there is plenty of work even now for more labourers." He speaks of a class of about fifteen taught by Mr. Thompson every afternoon, studying the English Bible at their own proposal during part of the session. Mr. Thompson has also a night Bible Class of much interest. Mr. Cornes has a class of fifteen bright boys, and Mrs. Hepburn has "a very nice little class of three or four Japanese girls." Dr. Hepburn "has a class reading medicine, which he speaks of with interest." The work of translating the Scriptures has been continued by Dr. Hepburn and Mr. Thompson; the latter "is translating Mark, I think," Mr. Cornes adds, "and Dr. Hepburn has finished John and revised Matthew, and made some other minor translations." Here we

may refer to a newspaper paragraph, now often to be seen, concerning a translation of the New Testament into Japanese, with a specimen verse, &c., in order to add the remark, that this is *not* the translation in which our brethren and those of the Reformed (Dutch) Board are engaged. We doubt not their translation will deserve the confidence of our churches.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. S. Reutlinger and his wife were about to remove from Corisco to Benita at the date of our last letter; the brethren are very anxious that more labourers should be sent to their field. The Rev. J. M. Alexander and his wife were transferred by the mission from Allahabad to Mynpoorie, in view of the expected return to this country of the Rev. B. D. Wyckoff and family, for reasons of health. We are glad to learn that Mr. Alexander's health was benefitted by his visit to the hills. The same mission agreed to transfer the Rev. A. Brodhead, from Futtehghur to Allahabad, in view of the expected visit to this country of the Rev. J. Owen, D.D. The Rev. Messrs. Vandyke and Carington and their wives had reached Canton, on their way to Siam. The Rev. A. L. Blackford, of the Mission in Brazil, arrived at New York, January the 22nd.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO FEBRUARY 13TH.—From Lodiana, December 26th; Saharanpur, December 23d; Ambala, December 4th; Mynpoorie, December 10th; Petchaburi, November 17th; Chieng Mai, October 3d; Canton, December 14th; Shanghai, December 16th; Ningpo, December 12th; Hangchow, November 23d; Peking, November 27th; Yokohama, December 28th; San Francisco, January 25th; Rio de Janeiro, December 26th; Sao Paulo, December 19th; Brotas, November 10th; Gaboon, from Rev. C. De Heer of Corisco, November 13th; Monrovia, November 24th; Seminole, January 1st; Omaha, February 4th; Winnebago, February 2d.

A New Book on China.

"China and the Chinese: a general description of the country and its inhabitants; its civilization and form of government; its religious and social institutions; its intercourse with other nations; and its present condition and prospects. By the Rev. John L. Nevius, ten years a missionary in China. With a map and illustrations. New York: Harper and Brothers, Publishers, Franklin Square. 1869." [Pages 456. Price \$1.75.]

This volume does not reach us in time to be fully noticed in our present issue, as we have not yet been able to read it. The full title, however, given above, conveys doubtless a correct idea of its general character, showing that it must be a manual of varied and useful information concerning the largest missionary field in the world. Those of our readers who have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Nevius' sermons and addresses on missions, during his late visit to this country, will need no other reason for desiring to possess this book; to others it may be commended as the work of one of our esteemed missionaries, containing no doubt abundant evidence of the extensive information possessed by its author concerning China and the Chinese; and we are sure that this information is presented in the clearest manner, and with an earnest purpose of enlisting the deep interest of every reader in the conversion of that people to Christ. We hope this volume will meet with a large circulation.

Missionary Work among the Winnebagoes.

The Rev. Joseph M. Wilson of the Chicago Theological Seminary, went to the Winnebago Indians, in Nebraska, as a

missionary of the Board, to test the practicability of forming a mission amongst them. We insert here his report, dated February 2d, 1869. It will be read with interest. The good

work of the Government teacher is referred to by Mr. Wilson in gratifying terms; this excellent lady was formerly connected with the Board as a missionary among the Choctaws. We trust that her present work will be the means of doing great good.

I reached the Winnebago agency on the 21st of May, 1868, and began my work next day, by shaking hands with and smiling on the Indians.

Miss Hancock, [a teacher appointed and supported by the Government,] took me to see her schools, and I tried to talk to the pupils. I asked them to come next Sabbath to church at the school house. Our meetings continued for some weeks to be well attended. This school house is near Big Bear's Camp, the largest of the three settlements. Miss Hancock had had a Sunday-school at Young Prophet's Camp, and now insisted on my taking charge of it, as she was burdened by the labour of the week-day school.

Both these meetings continued very encouraging, until in August the corn began to ripen, and many families removed to the big field to gather the crop. And now, for a time, we were almost deserted, and I had little or no influence to prevent their working on the Sabbath. But near the last of September the prospect brightened, the Indians returned, and again attended meeting. In October Miss Hancock resumed the charge of her Sabbath-school at Prophet's, and I soon after began a service in the chief's house at Decorah's camp. This is the third village, and one which had had no care from either teacher or preacher. Decorah and his people expressed great pleasure at the prospect of a Sunday-school. And they have continued to give the most earnest heed to the word spoken. They told me one week ago that they were always glad when Sunday came.

The old chief made me a talk last Sabbath. He said he had not heard preaching since his father died—that he was now very glad every time he saw my face, that he thought the young people ought to try to please God.

He intimated that he was too old now to begin a new life, but he so gladly receives the word of truth, that I have gr at hope that he will soon resolve to serve God.

Since October those who attended at Big Bear's have seemed desirous to know

the truth, and four or five have every Sabbath followed me from Big Bear's to Decorah's. My hearers at Big Bear's now number thirty and at Decorah's forty.

Miss Hancock has from fifty to eighty at her Sabbath-school. The names on her roll book for the day-school number about five hundred.

She and I have always got on very well together. I have tried to visit each of her two large schools once a week, and have always been kindly welcomed and invited to address the pupils. She is most wonderfully devoted to the good of the Indians, and I hope good will result from her earnest efforts to teach them all good things.

I have tried to win the confidence and affection of the Indians, by kind treatment, kind greetings, and frequent visits, and hope I have succeeded well in this effort. I have already spent six hundred and fifteen dollars, and will probably need more to complete the year, 1st of next June. But much of this has been paid for things that will not soon need to be replaced. One pony and saddle, one hundred dollars. Books, cards, pictures and papers, ninety-five dollars. I now have a most excellent interpreter, whose services cost me one dollar per week. I fear I will not soon be able to speak their language, but I will some day. I know the use of many words, but they laugh at my pronunciation sometimes. . . . I am not at all discouraged, but very happy in my hopes of the Winnebagoes.

Mr. Wilson expresses his regret, that the present Indian Agent has resigned his office, and will soon remove from the Reservation. He and his excellent wife have been anxious to promote the best welfare of the Indians. Mr. W. adds, "My visits to the Omaha Mission have been almost weekly. It is a sweet retreat—a dear home to me."

Sudden and Hopeful Death of a Catechumen.

The Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., sends us the following narrative, writing at Benita, Africa, September 29th, 1868.

The frequency of deaths among this people for the last two months has much impressed me; but to the heathen death is a frightful thing, and they make it more frightful by their cruel and ex-

travagant customs. One of the dead was one of my most hopeful and interesting catechumens.

When he first applied for admission, he said he had occasionally attended the weekly meetings I had held last year, across the river near the town where he lived, though I do not remember ever having had any conversation with him personally. He had, however, attended the instructions of the scripture-readers in their journeys weekly up and down the coast. He was then reading the native tongue well. No missionary had taught him a syllable. His desire for knowledge was great; and after I had corrected a few errors in his mode of reading Benga, he passed into Mrs. Nassau's English class. You know I have no professed school, but we have many scholars for all that, who come with but little irregularity and voluntarily in the afternoons, after their work for themselves in the forest or on the sea is done. This young man improved very rapidly with Mrs. Nassau. He attended every day while on this side of the river, where he was visiting for some medical aid.

When he first came to speak to me he was still a polygamist, and of course was required as a condition of admission to the class of inquiry to put away one of his two wives. He put away the elder, more hardened in heathenism, and placed the younger, a gentle affectionate child, in Mrs. Nassau's care for education. His own education was interrupted only by his necessary trade-journeys up the river. On one of these journeys lately he was standing in the company of others watching a Molenzyi felling a large tree in a forest clearing. The direction of the falling tree was changed by striking against another, and it fell into the midst of the company. This young man was instantly crushed; the rest escaped. While they were bearing the corpse to the river bank to put in a canoe, they heard that war had been declared by Kouiti against the Walenzyi. They left the corpse and fled, and it lay exposed in the canoe for three days, before it was brought down to his relatives to be buried. I have full hope of his eternal safety. I am told that just a week before he started on that journey, while conversing with some of his companions, he said he was willing now to die,—that he felt he was ready, and did not know what temptations might await him if he should live long. It was a strange remark to be made among a people who do not like to speak of death.

Previous to his becoming thoughtful, for his soul, he had made a statement to his companions (equivalent with us to a will) that in the event of his dying before a certain uncle, all his goods should be destroyed rather than fall into the possession of that uncle who had treated him unkindly. I have no idea that that was his *last* wish, but his companions carried it out to the letter, and accused the uncle of having procured the fall of that tree by witchcraft. Though a bad man and deserving but little pity, his life was saved by the interference of the Christians of this side of the river, and he is living in refuge here. I hope he will remember Christian kindness.

It is one of the desolations of this country that heirs in their mutual jealousy prefer that property should be destroyed rather than that any one of their number should get too big a share. Houses, gardens, boats, clothing &c., are therefore utterly torn down, cut to pieces, or cast into the sea, as soon as the owner dies. Poverty is therefore hereditary.

Mission Press at Shanghai.

We have received from Mr. William Gamble, Superintendent of this press, the annual report of its work and condition, for the year ending September 30th, 1868. The first part of it is here inserted, and speaks for itself. The greater part of the report is in the form of tables, showing the name of the volume, number of copies printed, distributed, and on hand, and other particulars of interest, in the case of each publication, and also the receipts and expenditures, returns of the type founding department, &c. The expenditures amounted to \$12,686; receipts from job printing, \$5,187; type foundry, \$2,354; sales, \$2,259—omitting cents, leaving the mission treasury to supply much the smaller part of the whole outlay.

The year just closed will be remarkable in the history of the press for the successful commencement of electrotyping. Many difficulties lay in the way of introducing, in printed Chinese, this art so important elsewhere. The difficulties have, however, been gradually overcome, and in a few months it is

hoped that the plates for the *Wen li* version of the New Testament will be finished. And now that we have the arrangements completed and men instructed in the mode of electrotyping, we are strongly of the opinion that plates should be made for all our standard publications at as early a date as practicable. The advantages in cheapness, accuracy, beauty, and simplicity of execution are all on the side of electrotyping. The only objection to it is the difficulty of making corrections and emendations after a book is completed. But the Chinese mode of printing on wooden blocks is equally liable to this objection, and it is an objection by no means insurmountable in either case. And when metal plates can be made as cheap as wooden blocks, the Chinese may adopt our method and abandon their own altogether.

There have been printed 25,698,221 pages, of which 10,335,200 pages were the Scriptures. These are principally in the Mandarin colloquial, for which there is a greater demand than for those in the *Wen li* or literary style, the former being the language of the people over more than half of China, and used principally in the North of the empire, while the latter is the language of books and is more used in the South, where the dialects of the people have very little resemblance to the Mandarin. A larger amount of the printing would have been the Scriptures, had it not been necessary to reprint so many tracts. There have been reprinted—seventeen books and tracts in the *Wen li*; four in the Mandarin; five in the Ningpo romanized colloquial, one of which was the *Hymn Book* revised by Dr. McCartee; and a revised edition of the *Shanghai Hymn Book*, printed both in Roman letter and Chinese character, with tunes, which were selected and arranged by Mrs. Farnham. Four new books have been published, viz : *Skeleton Sermons*, translated by Rev. William Muirhead from Bennett's *Sermons* on the life and preachings of Christ: *Old Testament History*, a translation into Mandarin by Mrs. McCartee, principally of Line upon Line, containing many illustrations; *Pilgrim's Progress*, translated into Mandarin by the late lamented Rev. Wm. Burns, and a revised edition of Edkins' *Grammar of the Shanghai Dialect*. There is also printed at the press a *Weekly Religious Newspaper* in Chinese, edited by the Rev. Y. J. Allen. It is

intended for circulation principally among native Christians, but is largely supported by many in the Foreign community of Shanghai, who subscribe for and circulate it among their native employees; it promises to have before it a useful and successful career. We have in press an *English-Japanese Dictionary* published by a few Japanese, some of whom are in Shanghai seeing the work put through the press. A fact worthy of note connected with the publishing of this book is, that it is done as a commercial enterprise from which the publishers hope to make what will aid them in receiving a European education. This is interesting as showing how largely that people are laying hold of Western ideas.

Writing on the 16th of December, Mr. Gamble forwards some beautiful specimens of printing in Chinese with small sized type, from matrices made at Shanghai under his direction; and he mentions facts of much interest, as follows: "A Chinaman, here in Shanghai, is starting a printing office of moveable type, [metallic and divisible, in distinction from the native wooden block characters,] and we have now an order from him for type. There is also a government establishment at Suchow for printing by moveable metal type. This shows some progress. I have no doubt metal plates [stereotype] can be made cheaper than wooden blocks." As to other advantages, especially in printing large editions, we suppose there can be no question as to the superiority of metallic type.

Missionaries' Trials.

Dr. Dean, of the Chinese Mission of Bangkok, recently visited Singapore, for the purpose of sending his two sons to the United States for an education. The friends of missions will deeply sympathize with him and his in the great trial they have endured,—and endured in common with many of their brethren in all the history of our missions, and implore for them the succor of the Great Head of the Church, whose they are and whom they serve.

"I made a great gain and our boys made a great sacrifice by leaving their mother behind when they left for the United States. She had her choice;

and though it came near crushing her, soul and body, to part with the boys,—she said, ‘I’ll go back with you to Bangkok.’ But when the old ‘Hartford,’ with our children on board, on leaving the harbor boomed her good-bye with her big guns, it sounded as a knell to us. Our dwelling was a ‘Bochim’ that day. Human nature would

have its time of weeping, but Divine grace gained its triumphs, as it always will.

“We return to the old Bangkok home. No glad voices of the boys—no joyful greetings and hilarious welcome from those who have done so much to gladden our hearts and lighten our work for the last four years.”—*Macedonian*.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JANUARY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Phy of Albany*—First ch Albany 206 49; 3d ch. Albany. 100 67. Sab-sch 30 = 139 67; Galway ch 8 50; Johnstown ch 134 16, Sab-sch. for Rio Chapel 50 = 184 16; Ballston Centre ch. mo con 12 87. Ladies’ Reathen Sch Soc’y for girls in Bangkok 30. Sab-sch for boys in Bangkok 20 = 62 87; Central ch. Mansfield 10; Broadalbin ch 25; Gloversville ch 232 20. a lady 10 = 242 20; West Milton ch 8 91, mo con 4 25, Ladies’ Missy Soc’y for Siam 17 = 30 16; New Scotland ch 55; Bethlehem ch 16; Princeton ch 32; Mariaville ch 25; Sab-sch 5 = 30; 1st ch, Amsterdam 19 79; Tribes Hill ch 10 44; Carlisle ch 11. *Phy of Mohawk*—Park Central ch, Syracuse 200; Smithville Flats ch 20 08. *Phy of Troy*—Cambridge ch 108 84. Sab-sch 15 = 123 84; Woodside ch 30; Park ch. Troy 53 57 1.503 77

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Phy of Allegheny*—Centreville ch. Ladies’ Missy Soc’y 56. Sab-sch 40 = 96; Plain Grove Sab-sch for Tunghow 18; Worthington Sab-sch 2; Glade Run Sab-sch 6 59; Portersville ch 10; Tarentum ch 88 10. *Phy of Allegheny City*—North ch. Allegheny City 189 35; Bridgewater ch 25. L Macaulay 5 = 30; Freedom ch 19. W G Wolf 1 = 20; 1st German ch 4 86; Concord ch 3; Manchester ch 33 38; Cross Roads ch 40; Leetsdale ch 29 72. Sab-sch 20 = 59 72; Sewickley ch 313 56; Sharpsburg ch 118. *Phy of Beaver*—Neshannock Sab-sch 54; Unity ch 47 23; Plaski ch 51 35; Mahoning Sab-sch 24 75. *Phy of Erie*—First ch. Meadville 100. Sab-sch for child in Dehra 25 = 125; Park ch, Erie 66; Georgetown ch 25 60; Sturgeonsville Sab-sch 11; Mill Creek ch 24; Cool Spring ch 2 1.463 40

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Phy of Atlantic*—Ebenezer ch 8. *Phy of Baltimore*—Havre de Grace Sab-sch 5; 2d ch. Baltimore Sab-sch 100; Broadway ch, Baltimore 37 22; Frederick ch 50; Ellicott City ch. Patapasco. Sab-sch Gray’s Factory for Corisco 30. Thistle Mission Sab-sch 11 = 41; Aisquith St ch Baltimore 18. *Phy of Carlisle*—Cumberland ch, a lady 10; Sab-sch 24 42 = 34 42; Emmetsburg ch 33. Sab-sch 31 = 64; Piney Creek ch 13; Seventh St ch. Harrisburg 10; Frostburg ch 6 35; Middletown ch 37 50; Shippensburg ch 122; Paxton ch 100. Sab-sch 15. R Stewart 2 = 117; Lonaconing ch 5; Barton ch 7. Sab-sch 10 = 17; Mechanicsburg ch 73 70. Sab-sch for Tunghow 35 84 = 109 54. *Phy of Lees*—Dover ch 100. *Phy of Potomac*—New York Avenue ch. Washington 74 33. Youths’ Missy Soc’y to support two native missionaries at Peking 200 = 274 33 1.169 36

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Phy of Buffalo City*—Central ch. Buffalo 57 83; Alden ch 8. *Phy of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch 50 60; Portageville ch 17 25. Rev C W McCarthy 5. Sab-sch 5 = 27 25; Central ch. Genesee 36 20; Sparta ch 15 75; Wyoming ch 53. Sab-sch for Scripture Reader in Canton 50 = 103. *Phy of Ogdensburg*—Second ch Oswegatchie 41. Sab-sch 40 = 81; Hammond ch to con *Life members* 113 492 63

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Phy of Bureau*—Woodhull ch 20. little Jessie Grant Barton 60 cts = 20 60; Andover ch 18; Genesee ch 11; Edgington ch 12 50. Sab-sch 5 = 17 50; Calvary ch 16 55; 1st ch Princeton 109 33; 1st ch Aledo 13. *Phy of Chicago*—Woodstock ch, to con Willis Lord Kirkwood *Life member* 30; Manteno ch 77 74. little boys’ Missy box 3 56 = 81 30; Kankakee City ch 17 50;

Earlville ch 10; Harvard ch 3 75; Fullerton Ave ch 200; Jefferson Park ch 324 70, for Saharanpur 25. Sab-sch 110 = 459 70; Willow Creek ch 29. *Phy of Rock River*—First Ger ch Sab-sch Galena 6; Hanover ch 7 75; Middle Creek ch 65 25; Spring Valley ch 8; Sterling ch 48. Sab-sch 13 50 = 61 50. *Phy of Schuyler*—Ebenezer ch 28; Macomb ch 36; Carthage ch 45 10. Sab-sch for Louisiana sch 5 25 = 50 35; Ipava ch 28; Chilli ch 12; Wythe ch 5; Baseo ch 3. *Phy of Warren*—Keithsburg Sab-sch 3; John Knox ch 18; 1st ch Monmouth 175; Prairie City ch 5 50. Sab-sch 2 50 = 8; Knoxville ch 30. Sab-sch 20 = 50; Galesburg ch 85; Altona ch 13; Oquawka ch 4 05. Sab-sch 95 cts = 5; Oneida ch 7 1.712 08

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Phy of Chillicothe*—Eckmansville ch 10; Bloomsburg ch 30 65; Pisgah ch 140. *Phy of Cincinnati*—Bethel Sab-sch 5 50; 1st ch Lebanon 52 30. Sab-sch 11 = 63 30; 1st ch Walnut Hills 799 43. Sab-sch 28 05 = 827 48; 7th ch Cincinnati. mo con 18 91. Ladies’ Missy Soc’y 100 = 118 91; Avondale ch 37 50; Cummins ville ch 29 25; Springfield ch 60; Bethel ch 20 09; Montgomery ch 29 72; 1st ch Cincinnati 72 02; 1st ch Glendale 166 08. *Phy of Miami*—Monroe ch 16; 2d ch Springfield 130 20; New Jersey ch 50; 1st and 3d ch Dayton 70 65; 3d ch Dayton Sab-sch 40. *Phy of Oxford*—First ch Oxford 65 81. Sab-sch 5 = 70 81; Hamilton ch. bal 3. *Phy of Sidney*—West Liberty ch 7 66; Zanefield ch 3 78; Bellefontaine ch 78. Sab-sch 15 = 93; 1st ch Sidney 28 79. Sab-sch 10 67 = 39 46; Buck Creek ch 56 2.191 06

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Phy of Bloomington*—Chatsworth ch 12; Atlanta ch 6; Ridge ch 15 80; 1st ch Bloomington 18; El Paso ch 30; Onarga ch 16 76; Sab-sch 10 = 26 76; Deer Creek ch 12 50; Gilman ch 6 25; Waynesville ch 8 60. *Phy of Kaskaskia*—Hillsboro’ ch 26 05; 1st ch Chester 9 45. Sab-sch 5 = 14 45; Pleasant Ridge ch 9 05; Nashville ch 7; Georgetown ch 3 50. *Phy of Palestine*—Mattoon ch 15; Paris ch 40. *Phy of Peoria*—Mason City ch 13; Lewistown Sab-sch 51 33; Canton ch 14; Prospect ch 107; Elmwood ch 27 29. Sab-sch 10 = 37 20; French Grove ch 23. Sab-sch 10 10 = 33 10. *Phy of Saline*—Salem ch 6 70; Richland ch 8; Hermon ch 4; Golconda ch 12; Shawneetown ch 56 45; Olney ch 7 86; Odin ch 6 58; Pisgah ch 5. *Phy of Sangamon*—Irish Grove ch 10; Farmington ch 41 89; Assumption ch 3 40; 1st Portuguese ch Jacksonville 12. Sab-sch for Brazil 18 78 = 30 78 699 25

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Phy of Indianapolis*—Fifth ch Indianapolis 4; Knightstown ch 11 48. Sab-sch 15 12 = 26 60; Union ch 19 50; Boggs town ch 3; Hopewell ch 46; 1st ch Indianapolis 104 13; Shiloh ch 5 50. *Phy of Madison*—Col Sab-sch. Hanover 1 80; Hanover ch 20. little Jimmy Brown 1 = 21; Donaldson ch 5 35; Bethel ch 4 75. *Phy of New Albany*—Bedford ch 11 32; Sab-sch. Mrs Coulter’s class 5 = 16 32; Rehoboth ch 10; 1st ch Bloomington 20. *Phy of Vincennes*—Evansville ch 42 75; Princeton ch 20. Sab-sch 11 = 31; Indiana ch 16 10; 2d ch Vincennes 30 50. *Phy of White Water*—Union ch 7; Cambridge ch 5; Connersville ch 14 50 434 80

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Phy of Cedar*—Mechanicsville ch 13 82; Wilton and Sugar Creek chs 14 54; Summit ch 10; Marion ch 53 83; Cedar Rapids ch 22; Sab-sch little Jos Craig McClelland’s savings 5 20 = 27 20; Red Oak ch 10; Marion ch 5; Spring-

ville ch 5 60; Linn Grove ch 10, Rev R L Adams 4 40 = 14 40. *Pby of Dubuque*—Peosta ch 3: 1st ch, Waverly 5; Hopkinton ch 8 42, Sab-sch 8 58 = 17; Liberty ch 7; Zion ch 4 25; 1st ch, Dubuque, Sab-sch 14 07; Grove Hill Ger ch 4 70. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarksville ch 5; Fort Dodge ch 30 75. *Pby of Frankville*—Frankville ch 33, Sab-sch 2 = 35. *Pby of Vinton*—Toledo ch 7 30; Newton ch 14; La Porte city and Big Creek chs 6 75; Big Grove ch 13 75; Stroudsburg ch 20; Vinton ch 6 25; Central ch 5 25; Shiloh ch 8 40 358 84

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Geneva ch 8; Neosho Falls ch 2 50. *Pby of Topeka*—Burlingame ch 21, I M Chambers 10 = 31; Auburn ch 4 45 50

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—1st ch, Covington 143 48; Flemmingsburg ch 25 40, Rev Jas P Hendricks and wife 25, Sab-sch 7 = 57 40; 2d ch, Covington, Sab-sch 67 88. *Pby of Louisville*—Walnut St ch, Louisville 30; College St ch, Louisville 210 20. *Pby of Transylvania*—1st ch, Lebanon 15. *Pby of West Lexington*—Second ch, Lexington 777 30; 1st ch, Lexington 99 1391 26

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Warrensburg Sab-sch 7; Sugar Creek ch 12 25. *Pby of Palmyra*—Louisiana ch 20, Sab-sch, a class 2 20 = 22 20; Brookfield ch 15; Macon City ch 5 50; Callao ch 1 50; Ashley ch 2 55; Ebenezer ch 2. *Pby of Potosi*—Jackson ch 6 53; 1st ch, Irondale 7. *Pby of St Louis*—Emanuel ch 10, Sab-sch 8 20 = 18 20; Zoar ch 13, K 1 05 = 14 05; St Charles ch 13 50; 1st German ch St Louis 50; Nazareth ch 4, a Member 5 = 9. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Oregon ch 15; Savannah ch 23, Sab-sch 4 18 = 27 18; Parkville ch 7; Filmore ch 10 25 245 73

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—Presbyterian ch, Jackson Co, Oregon 20. *Pby of Benicia*—Napa City ch 35 55 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Strasburg ch 31 60, Sab-sch 73 39 = 104 99; Chanceford ch 53 75; Lancaster ch 75; Union ch 27, Sab-sch 13 = 40; Pega ch 103. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Shade Gap ch 15 77, Pastor's Offering 5, Jennie, Libbie, and Josie. 1 90 = 22 67; Milesburg ch 5 81; Spruce Creek ch 72 11; Bald Eagle ch 12 40; Sinking Valley ch 33 89; Alexandria ch 110; Bethel ch 15; Hollidaysburg ch 66 39, Ladies's Foreign Missy Socy for Allahabad 80 15; Sab-sch 30 09, Children of Jos Robinson 2 82, Children of Daniel K—55 ets = 180; Birmingham ch 427 65; West Kishacoquillas ch 100; Upper Tuscarora ch 50; Spring Creek ch, Infant Sab-sch 6. *Pby of New Castle*—Lower Brandywine ch 24 56; New Castle ch, mo coll 64 94, Mrs A C Kerr 50, Mrs D Couper 25, Mrs Kennedy 10, Mrs Cannon 1, Mrs Black 2, Miss Dusenberry 2 50, Mrs Lesley 5, Miss A Niven 5, Mr William Couper and family 47, S 3, Sab-sch 25 81 = 241 25; Upper Octorara ch 130 85. *Pby of Northumberland*—McEwensville ch 11; Lycoming Centre ch 20; Mifflinburg ch 12 95, Mrs Reardon 2 = 14 95; Grove ch, Danville 61, Sab-sch 40 = 101; Sunbury ch 30, Sab-sch 38 76 = 68 76; Newberry ch 52 50, Sab-sch to con Rev A D Hawn, *Life Member* 52 50 = 105; 1st ch, New Berlin 17 35; Hartleton ch 9 45; Mahoning ch, Danville 128 66; Washington ch 10 25. *Pby of Philadelphia*—South ch, Infant Sab-sch 21; Fourth ch, Philadelphia 40; Tenth ch, Philadelphia 951 03, mo coll 17 78, Mr H W Pitkin 50, Mrs Biddle 100 = 1,118 81; West Spruce St ch 252; Herman J Lombaert 150, Geo Junkin, Esq 50; Chrs H Grant 50; Morris Patterson 25, Chas Abbey 25, Miss Sarah Field for Corisco 5 = 557; Gloucester ch 4 12; Ninth ch, Philadelphia 81 78; Chester Sab-sch 40; Mariner's ch Sab-sch 4 60; Seventh ch Sab-sch 75. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Alexander ch 135, John W Clark 10, Edin'd Deacon, for Tunghow 10 = 155; West Arch St ch 77 06; 2d ch, a member 10; Great Valley ch 17 50; North ch Sab-sch 50, E N E 10 = 60; Spring Garden ch 305 90, Mrs E A Smith 100, Miss A Greenleaf 100, Gilbert Coombs 20, Miss M F 6 = 531 90; Kensington ch, in part 155 32; North Tenth St ch, Philadelphia 190. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Slatington ch 40, Sab-sch 20 = 60; Slatedale ch 6; Conshohocken ch 21, H F L 5, little Helen's earnings 3 = 29; Abington ch 54 11; Providence ch, from a lady

2 50, Miss A J S 2 50 = 5; Neshaminy ch 66 75; 1st ch, Norristown 164 50; Plumsteadville ch 6 22 6,391 05

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—New Alexandria ch 129 92, Sab-sch 13 = 142 92; Blairsville ch 120 70, Sab-sch 120 70 = 241 40; Wilkinsburg ch 20; Congruity ch 42 90; Cross Roads ch 37 66; Greensburg ch 40; Sab-sch 5 85 = 45 85; New Salem ch, Anonymous 1. *Pby of Clarion*—Clarion ch 37 26; New Rehoboth ch 16 06; Licking ch for Chapel at Chefoo 106, Sab-sch for do 10 = 116; Callensburg and Concord chs, for Chefoo Chapel 50; Leatherwood ch 90 45, and Sab-sch 6 50 for Chefoo Chapel = 96 95; Goheens Sab-sch for Chefoo Chapel 7; Frostburg Sab-sch for Chefoo Chapel 15; Beechwood ch for Chefoo Chapel 22; Rimersburg ch 18 50, and Rev T S Leason 10 for Chefoo Chapel 28 50; Greenville Sab-sch for Chefoo Chapel 14 50; Brookville ch 20 25 955 25

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Mt Holly ch 55 66; Sab-sch 40 = 95 66; Bordentown ch 8; New Egypt Sab-sch 3; Burlington ch toed child at Chefoo 45 60; Allentown ch 225; Plattsburg ch 14; Columbus ch 31, Sab-sch 13; = 44. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch 51 32; 1st ch, Elizabeth 846 30; 1st ch, Plainfield 40; New Providence ch 32; Woodbridge ch 50; Siloam ch 2; Liberty Corner ch 40; Lamington ch 106. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahonoy City ch 70 54; Kingston ch 88 60, Sab-sch 25 25 = 113 85; Weatherly ch 15 80, Sab-sch 16 88 = 32 68; Wyoming Sab-sch 5; German ch, Seranton 2; Pittston ch 125, Sab-sch 75 = 200; Tunkhannock ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 21 40; Jamesburg ch 28; Manchester ch 5 25; Red Bank ch 15 50. *Pby of Newton*—Second ch, Mansfield 17 15; 2d ch, Oxford 100; Danville ch 10; Lower Mt Bethel ch 46. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Fourth ch, Trenton 210; 1st ch, Trenton 4 00, Missy Sab-sch 4 27 = 405 27; Bound Brook ch 50, Widow's Mite 5 = 55; Dutch Neck ch 56 25, mo con 42 84, Sab-sch 10 36, Parsonage Sab-sch 8 55, Cranberry Neck Sab-sch 13 = 131; 2d ch, Trenton 62 21; Kingston ch 111. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch, Morristown, mo con 40 53, in memoriam 10 = 50 53; Calvary ch, Newark 53 67; 3d ch, Newark 700; Chester ch 45, a Member 50, Sab-sch 15 = 110; Wickliffe ch, Newark 301 90; Rutherford Park ch, Union Township Sab-sch to con Rev G L Smith *Life Member* 30, Mt Freedom ch 67 60; 1st ch, Paterson 56, Sab-sch 5 = 61; 2d ch, Elizabeth 148 96; Springfield ch 105 52. *Pby of Raritan*—Flemington ch 220; Amwell United 1st ch 27; 1st ch, Lambertville 251, for Miss Beatty's school 50 = 300; Clinton ch 14 74, Sab-sch 8 40 = 23 14; German Valley ch 103 50; Milford ch 26. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch 145; Troy ch 45. *Pby of West Jersey*—Cape Island ch 12; Fislerville ch 42 58; Salem ch 140; 2d ch, Bridgeton Sab-sch 30 15 6,007 31

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bridgeport ch 115, Sab-sch 70 = 185; South East Centre ch 17 55; Rye ch 191 56; Yorktown ch 50. *Pby of Hudson*—Cohecton ch 8 65; Sab-sch 8 35, = 17; Florida ch 7; Goshen ch 190 58, Sab-sch Diet No 19, 11 58 = 202 16; Hamptonburg ch 50; Scotchtown ch 144 05; Mount Hope ch 42. *Pby of Long Island*—Amaganset Sab-sch 2 25; Huntington South ch 29, Robt O Colt, Esq 100 = 129; Bridge Hampton ch 50; Setauket ch 22 50; Islip ch 39; Speonk ch 7; West Hampton ch 17; Middletown ch 32 21, Sab-sch 7 60 = 39 81. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch, mo con 30, Sab-sch 35 = 65; 1st ch Brooklyn, mo con 56 54; Wallabout ch 22 25; German ch, Williamsburg, a member 1; Geneva ch 44; Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn 13 53; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 29 50; Amity ch 74 04, gold 2 50 = 76 54; 1st ch Hempstead 14 31. *Pby of New York*—Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch 19,435 90; 1st ch New York, mo con 201 92, Earnest Workers, for Shanghai sch 1,000, for new building for Shanghai sch 400, Sab-sch 29 38, Missy Sab-sch 70 81, for Shanghai sch = 1,711 11; Brick ch, mo con 132 14, Mission ch 12 03 = 144 17; Palisades ch, little Edith's Missy's Box 5 30; University Place ch 2,628 11, mo con 33 30 = 2,661 41; Forty-second St ch 131 87, Dr John L Campbell to con John Campbell *Life*

member 30 = 161 87; Chelsea ch 23 80, Sab-sch 14 67 = 38 47; Stony Point Sab-sch 25; 4th ch New York Sab-sch, for China 20; Rutgers ch 660
Pby of New York 2d—Washington Heights ch 35; Delhi ch 74; Scotch ch. a member 30. *Pby of North River*—Smithfield ch 62 50, Sab-sch 10 = 72 50; Hughsonville ch 10; Rondout ch 242, Sab-sch 58 = 300; Bethlehem ch 112; Wappinger's Falls ch 18, Mrs Willard 10, Sab-sch 13 61 = 41 61
 27,073 89

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville ch 13; Lebanon ch 7 60; Bethany ch 32; Eugene ch 8; Carpentersville ch 7, Sab-sch 7 = 14; 1st ch Crawfordsville 25. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Roanoke ch 4; 1st ch Fort Wayne Sab-sch 41 28; 3d ch Fort Wayne Sab-sch 11; Legionier ch 3; La Grange Sab-sch 3. *Pby of Lake*—Constantine Sab-sch 16 34; Valparaiso ch 56 25, Sab-sch 41 75 = 93; Tassinong ch 6; 1st ch Goshen Sab-sch 125. *Pby of Logansport*—First ch Delphi 5, Sab-sch 23 50 = 28 50; Rock Creek ch 25; Frankfort ch 14; Logansport ch 57 20, Sab-sch 8 60 = 65 80; Lexington ch 26
 566 52

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—First ch Lancaster 29; 1st ch Columbus 159 76, mo con 85 32, Sab-sch 150 = 395 08. *Pby of Hocking*—Athens ch 20. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Gilead ch 12; Sab-sch 8 = 20; York ch 14; Bucyrus Sab-sch, for Tungchow sch 42; Wyandotte Sab-sch 10 34; Upper Sandusky ch 5; 1st ch Delaware 26 20; Marseilles ch 13 25. *Pby of Richland*—Frederickstown Sab-sch 28 80; Milford ch 20 50; Ashland ch 72 39; McKay ch 30 54; Haysville ch 72 82; Berryville ch 75; Clear Fork ch 8; Martinsburg ch 52 65; Savannah ch 43. *Pby of Wooster*—Jeromeville ch 25; Jackson Sab-sch 30; Chester Sab-sch 6; Wayne Sab-sch 19 39. *Pby of Zanesville*—McConnelsville ch 10 75; Duncan's Falls ch 17 75; Rush Creek ch 8 50, Sab-sch 2 60 = 11 10. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, Pittsburgh 434; North ch, Pittsburgh. Sab-sch, Miss L's class 7; Chartiers ch 116 80; 2d ch Pittsburgh. Inf't Sab-sch 12 50; Sharon ch 50; Canonsburg ch 74 25; Mingo ch 35; Centre ch 52; Bellefield ch 24 40; Montours ch 31 67; Miller's Run ch 28 30; Forest Grove ch 40; Raccoon ch, estate of Emeline Kerr, dec'd 50. *Pby of Reistone*—Mission Sab-sch, Dunbar Furnace, for Bibles at Benita 10; Dunlap's Creek and McClellandtown chs 40 30; New Providence Sab-sch 20; Greensborough Sab-sch 10; Sewickly ch 28 89; Long Run ch 37 25; New Providence and Greensborough chs 15; Round Hill Sab-sch 10; Penn Sab-sch 8 76; Elizabeth Sab-sch 5 = 23 76. *Pby of Saltsburg*—First ch Kittanning 500; Cherry Tree ch 7 50, Sab-sch 5 50, E B C 7 = 20; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 30; Washington ch 4 60; Rayne ch 5 35; Harmony ch 16 85, Sab-sch 5 = 21 85; Ebenezer ch 49 23, Sab-sch 16 03 = 65 26
 2,743 43

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Sheldon ch 5; Caledonia Sab-sch 5; Yucatan ch 2, Sab-sch children 25 cts = 2 25; Winona ch 40; Hixton ch 5. *Pby of St Paul*—Second ch Stillwater 10, Sab-sch 1 = 11; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 124 14, mo con 3 25, Sab-sch 13 11 = 140 50; Hudson ch 4, Sab-sch 1 50 = 5 50; St Cloud ch 5, Sab-sch 1 25 = 6 25; Central ch, St Paul 75 11; Medina ch 3. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Owatonna ch 13 30
 311 91

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Blanchard ch 4 25; 1st ch Findlay 241 30. *Pby of Maumee*—Mt Salem ch 10; West Unity ch 5; 2d ch Toledo 2 76; Gilead ch 3 86; West Bethesda ch 20; 1st ch Toledo 15 55. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch, Grand Rapids 60 68. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch, Cleveland 20, Sab-sch 5 10 = 25 10
 378 50

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Albia ch 10, Sab-sch 5, Willie and Lucy Raymond 50 cts, Nellie and Bella 50 cts = 16; Corydon ch 5; White Breast ch 5 50; Indianola ch 6. *Pby of Fairfield*—Salina ch 5 60; Fairfield ch 16 55; Washington ch 8; Bethel ch 5; Ottumwa ch 17 25; Libertyville ch 3; Lafayette ch 4; Liberty ch 5; Batavia ch 5. *Pby of Iowa*—Sharon ch 3 75; West Point ch 11 40, Sab-sch 4 30 = 15 70; Pilot Grove ch 4 30; Union ch, Fort Madison 23 40, Rev W B Noble 10 = 33 40; Oakland ch 8 40. *Pby of Missouri River*—Plattsmouth ch 30 75; Council

Bluffs ch 183; Afton ch 6; Bellevue ch 25; Blackbird Hills ch 25
 437 29

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Deerfield ch 38 50; East Palestine ch 8; Canfield ch 22; Glasgow ch 9 50. *Pby of Steubenville*—Amsterdam ch 6 48; 1st ch. Steubenville to con Dan'l Potter *Life member* 160 29; Oak Ridge ch 19; Big Spring ch 23. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Morristown ch 12; St Clairsville Sab-sch 20; Rock Hill ch 47, Branch Sab-sch 6 = 53. *Pby of Washington*—Frankfort Sab-sch 4 10; Fairview ch 16 16; 2d ch. Wheeling Sab-sch, Jennie and Maggie Arms'ong 4 60; Moundsville ch 30, Sab-sch 6 = 36; New Cumberland Sab-sch, to con John H Atkinson and John Francey *Life members* 57 50; Claysville ch 61 20, Sab-sch 10 = 71 20; 1st ch, Washington 81; Mt Prospect ch 31 63. *Pby of West Virginia*—Clarksburg ch 3; Morgantown ch 31 31
 708 27

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Richland Centre ch 2 50, Infant class 75 cts = 3 25; Richland city ch 2 48; Fancy Creek ch 2 57, Sab-sch 1 70 = 4 27. *Pby of Milwaukee*—First Ger ch, Granville 4; 1st ch, Janesville 52 04; North ch, Milwaukee 160. *Pby of Winnebago*—Portage City ch 30 10; Horicon ch 10; Kilbourn City ch 10, Cent Society 1 = 11; Depere ch 16; Weyauwega ch 5, Sab-sch 1 20 = 6 20; Westfield ch 4; Oxford ch 5; Juneau ch 12
 320 34

Total received from churches \$57,754 66

LEGACIES.—Estate of Samuel Utter, dec'd, Edgar Co., Ill 50; Interest on Daniel Negley's Bequest, Pittsburgh 26 80
 76 80

MISCELLANEOUS.—Lawrenceville Female Seminary 4 75; Gen Loomis 10; Nameless 5; Herbie's gift 25 cts; O M Dorman 50; Miss Margaret Smith, Dunningsville, Pa 3; Lydia W Smith, Mineral Ridge, O. seven years old, 71 cts; R, Iowa 19 80; Marie, seven years old 1; A Friend 1; Miss Coles 1; Thank Offering, H, 10; Mary H Smith 5; A B K 10; A Friend 20 50; Rev Joseph Platt 30; Mission Church, Grand Traverse, Mich, special 24 52; mo con 27 40; Concord ch, Carpe Lake, Mich 20; G A Cracker 10; Gen'l E B Babbitt, San Francisco 50; F D Long, Jersey Shore 10; A Friend in Michigan 5; N Bode 2; Bear River ch 2 25; Bequest of a friend of the late Rev E Boeklen, Ulm; Germany 8; J K Pierce 25; Ref'd ch Sab-sch, Hackensack, N J 22; Mrs E A Morrison, N Y 250; Mrs John Morrison 50; A Friend 5; Rev C J Collins, Wilkesbarre, Pa 10; J M J Bensel 4; Mrs S M Irvin, for Navajoes 5; Henry Minch 11 50; C Ackerman 2; Granite State 5; E M Bronson 5; Mrs Samuel Holmes, Independence, Mo 3; R B C 1; Principal of Millwood, Shady Gap, Pa 5; "Birthday" Gift 1; Remainder of a sum donated to For'n Missions by a Mother gone to glory twenty-four years ago 15; A Christian, now dec'd 5; P by Rev H R Wilson D.D., 200; W for New Testament in China 20; D M L 30; Central Presb'n ch, Hamilton, Can 271 75; Mrs L M Lee, Niantic, Conn 5; D. Kingston, Pa 5; Rob't Wold, Sugar Grove, Pa 15; Third ch Phil'a (N S) for Rev G W Chamberlain, Brazil 7; Rev W J M 50 cts; Rev T C Anderson 5; Miss Downing's Sab-sch Juv Missy's Soc'y, for Chefoo, 15 35; James Hill, Marion, Ky 3 25; Contents of Bertie McAllen's Missy's Bank on her third birthday 1; Friends in Illinois 100; J P H 5; J K, Troy, N Y 20; Union Sab-sch, Woodvale 10; Miss M B Patterson, Green Tree, Pa 5; Mrs Foster, Greensburg, Pa 10; John Husten's Sab-sch, Cherry Hill Township, Indiana Co. Pa 3 78; G M, Monroeville, Pa 1 34; X 25
 1,558 65

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The Value of a Tract.

What we esteem unimportant events, and insignificant agencies, often determine the long future of souls. The vibrations of a pendulum, or the falling of a leaf, has awakened a train of serious thought which led on to eternity. So the tract of a few pages has been the means of saving a soul, and has thus originated an influence for good that shall be felt until the end of time.

Every pastor, of several years experience, might cite at least a few cases of conversion wrought through such an instrumentality as this. Two of recent occurrence come to the mind of the writer. A tract was handed to an unconverted boy, with the prayer that it might be blessed to his soul. His ungodly mother, who had not been in a house of worship for many years, read it. A sense of sin oppressed her. The load of guilt pressed more heavily upon her, as the days went on, and she grew weary of the fruitless effort to cast it off. At length this thought occurred to her—the blood of Jesus has availed for the chief of sinners, it will avail for me. She went to the fountain of the Saviour's blood, washed, and was made clean. Then she began to tell others what God had done for her soul, and only eternity can reveal the blessed fruits.

A young lady came to my study, I remarked,

"You look very happy this afternoon."

"Yes, I have found the Saviour."

"I rejoice to hear it. When did you find him?"

"It was when I was reading the tract, 'Come to Jesus.'* My burden left me as I read these words—'He loves *you*; he died for *you*; he looks down with pity on *you*; he calls *you* to come to him.' And oh! my dear pastor, I cannot doubt Christ's willingness to save me now. He is very precious to me. How sweet it is to live for *him*."

May God put it into the hearts of his people to scatter broad-cast over the world these leaves from the tree of life. Doubtless they would result in the spiritual healing of many in all nations.

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We are glad to receive, from all sides, numerous testimonials to the increasing usefulness and popularity of our *Sabbath-school Visitor*. The following is an extract from a letter just received from a clergyman in Tennessee, who has under his care a very large school of coloured children and youth. He says:

“There is great interest shown in the semi-monthly visits of your paper. You may rest assured that it is doing good for the cause of Christ, for our Sabbath-school, our Church, our day-school, for the community and the State, and, I firmly believe, for the world. I believe its interest will be felt in Africa, and that for years to come, the good seed sown by it will go on increasing, until, ‘after many days,’ the Presbyterian Church shall find it in accessions to her numbers here and in Africa.”

While the circulation of the *Sabbath-school Visitor* has very largely increased within the last two or three years, there is yet a considerable number of Presbyterian Sabbath-schools in which it is not taken. For the information of such, we state here, that when over eight copies are sent to one address, the price is *one cent for each paper*. It may be had either *monthly* or *semi-monthly*.

A Decision.

A colporteur of the Presbyterian Board of Publication was recently arrested in Illinois, by some persons unfriendly to the spread of religious truth, and was brought before the United States District Court, on the ground that in circulating the books of the Board as a colporteur, he was violating the internal revenue laws, in not having taken out and paid for a license as a book peddler. The case was recently before the United States District Court in session at Springfield, Illinois, when Messrs. Stuart, Edwards, and Brown, attorneys at law, of that city, gratuitously and ably defended the colporteur on behalf of the Board. The result was that the colporteur was discharged. The judge decided that religious books and tracts sold and given away, not for profit, but as a means of distributing religious reading, were within the exception of the law, and that the colporteur of the Board was not a “peddler” required to have license.

Fruits of Colportage.

Mr. Jones, a member of the Walnut Street Church, of Louisville, Ky., has been for some months engaged in the work of colportage for our Board of Publication. He narrates some interesting incidents connected with his labours. Among others, the following:

He visited a point about fourteen miles distant from New Albany, Ind., where the people did not enjoy the stated means of grace. There was no church in the neighbourhood. Few, if any, were professors of religion. He called upon a man who was in deep affliction; death had entered his dwelling. Seizing the opportunity, he urged him to attend to the sal-

vation of his soul. He promised to do so, and expressed a desire to attend a religious meeting if one could be held. The opportunity was soon afforded him. Some of the brethren held a meeting of some days there. Soon after, this man came forward and professed his faith in Christ. In a little time others followed, and the result was that about *twenty persons* were hopefully converted, and a Presbyterian church organized.

Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

A little work with the above title was published in a 32mo tract recently by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and is sold at five cents per copy. It was prepared by the Rev. F. T. Brown, D.D., of St. Paul, Minn., and was preached in his church at the request of a number of the citizens of St. Paul. At its delivery, before a crowded house, it was received with great favour. Chief Justice Wilson, of the Supreme Court of the State, spoke of it with enthusiasm as a most masterly argument. Afterwards, by request, it was repeated before the Minnesota State Sunday-school Association, and although delivered on an intensely hot evening in August, in a packed house, the people listened with increasing interest to its very end. Many asked for its publication for general circulation.

Hoping that good might be done thereby, the author offered his manuscript to the Board for publication, and it was accepted. Since the pamphlet has been issued, several persons who are circulating it in Minnesota say, "It is exactly what is needed," and ask for means to circulate thousands of copies all over the State. It is small, cheap, compact, contains much valuable matter, states the truth plainly and in a simple manner, and terminates with an argument believed to be unanswerable for the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

We have a profound conviction, that if persons who have doubts or difficulties on the subject of inspiration, would read this brief but convincing argument, they would find their difficulties entirely removed. Will not good men, who love God's word, procure copies of this pamphlet and give it a careful perusal. And if, after having done so, they approve the argument, will they not send special donations to the Board of Publication, to be used in circulating it gratuitously by colporteurs and other agencies over the land? Five, ten, twenty dollars, any sums, larger or smaller, may thus be used in sowing the precious seeds of a blessed and bountiful harvest.

MINNESOTA.

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I. Commentaries on the Laws of the Ancient Hebrews, with an introductory essay on civil society and government. By E. C. Wines, D.D., LL.D. Price \$2.50.

This is a new issue of a work which

was received with great favour some years ago on its first appearance, and elicited warm commendations from such men as Chancellor Kent, the Hon. B. F. Butler, Hiram Ketchum, Esq., and

George Wood, Esq., of New York; Judge Woodbury, of N. H.; Profs. Pond, Shepard, and Smith, of Bangor, Maine; Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., and Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D.D., of New York, and Dr. J. W. Yeomans of Pa. The book at once took its place as a standard work. Recently several wealthy gentleman of New York and Albany purchased the copyright and the stereotype plates, and presented them to the Board of Publication, which is thus enabled to issue this new and beautiful edition at a considerably reduced price. The work is one which ought to have a place in the library of at least every lawyer and every clergyman. It is replete with information most valuable for all in those professions.


II. Saint Patrick and the early Church of Ireland. By the Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn, professor in the Theological Seminary of the Northwest at Chicago, and author of "William Farel," "Ulrich Zwingli," "Calvin in Paris," &c. Small 12mo. Price 80 cents.

A handsome volume, in which Prof. Blackburn thoroughly discusses the character and history of St. Patrick,

and endeavours to separate the facts and the probabilities of his life and labours from the mass of legends which has accumulated around his name. The work extends over a portion of church history with which few readers are familiar, and which is yet extremely interesting. None can read it without profit, or without arriving at a conviction that St. Patrick was no Papist, but a faithful and pious missionary of the cross of Christ.

III. Breve Catechismo de Doutrina Christan, com as provas extrahidas das santas escrituras. [The Shorter Catechism with scripture proofs, in the Portuguese language.] Price 15 cents.

This Catechism in Portuguese has been published at the request of our new Presbytery of Rio de Janeiro, which has also been authorized to keep a colporteur at work within its bounds at the expense of our Board of Publication.

 A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of the catalogue price.

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Close of the Fiscal Year.

The present fiscal year closes April 1st, 1869. Contributions not received prior to that time cannot be acknowledged in the next Annual Report to the General Assembly.

Scattering yet Increasing.

A close observer in his account of the building of a mission church in one of the Western States says, "I called on a brother very poor in this world's goods, and he subscribed ten dollars, which sum he paid last summer by acting as sexton. Last January I called upon him again, and told him that unless we collected a certain sum of money we could not draw our appropriation from the Board of Church Extension, and consequently would not be out of debt, and could not dedicate our church. Said he, I have no money nor do I know where I can borrow it, and if I could borrow it, I don't know when I could pay it, but I ought to give something and I'll trust God for it. Put me down for twenty-five dollars, and I'll pay it just as soon as I can. Next day he met me on the street and accosted me thus: 'I've got that twenty-five dollars, that I subscribed. Last evening, soon after I went home, Mr. ——— came in and wanted to know if I wouldn't sell him two stands of bees. He offered me twenty-eight dollars for them. So I have got my twenty-five dollars for the church and three dollars over.'

"At a congregational meeting, called by the trustees for the purpose of ascertaining the desire of the church as to whether they should go on and complete the building, and also to ascertain how much money could then be additionally subscribed, one young man, living on a fixed salary, and that not very large, volunteered to pay fifty dollars. Afterwards he said to me that he did not know where the money was to come from; that his salary was small, his property not worth more than twelve hundred dollars, and that he was in debt for the property to the amount of six hundred and fifty dollars. Since that time he has paid his subscription, and paid it in a way of which he had no knowledge at the time he subscribed. His employers offered him extra pay for additional labour. He accepted the proposal, and by extra hours of work he has paid his subscription."

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ch, special 50	<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Kokomo ch	3 40
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<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tunkhannock ch	Sab-sech 5	21 00
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ch 5 50; Neshaminy ch 9	<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Ellicott's Mills ch	13 50
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<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Troy ch		6 00
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<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch		7 25
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Unity ch 2; Slippery Rock ch 5		25 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Bethel ch 5; New Boston ch 7 35		12 25
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —West Hampton ch		5 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Cross Roads ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Washington ch 6 05; Meadville 1st		70 05
ch 20; Petroleum Centre ch 44		11 42
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Poke Run ch		16 00
<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —Leechburg ch		48 75
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne 1st ch		20 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Westminster ch, Keokuk		6 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Oquawka ch 3; Keithsburg ch 3		

MISCELLANEOUS.

L H Adamson, Ind 1 75; A Friend 25; T M Russell, Pottsville, Pa 5; A Friend, Pennington, N J, 20; Friends in Illinois, 100; Mrs J K Troy, N Y, 10; Rev W J McCord 50 cts; F Donleavy Long, Jersey Shore, Pa 5

\$107 25

LEGACY.

Estate of Emeline Kerr of Washington Co, Pa, per J L Prouditt, executor

\$50 00

Total for January,

\$6,338 94

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,

St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

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<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 2; Mt Tabor ch 4; Beech Woods ch 11	17 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 2d ch 70; East Liberty ch 142 61; Centre ch 20 75; Sharon ch 17; Montours ch 15 12	265 43
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —North Providence ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Concord ch 16; Harmony ch 19 40; Rayne ch 10 29	45 69
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Austin ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Burlington Ger ch	2 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Nottingham ch	27 50
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Beech Spring ch 13; Island Creek ch 8 50	21 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 1st ch	75 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Bellevue ch 5; Dayton ch 3	8 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Ottawa ch 6; Delafield ch 4	10 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Neenah ch	11 10
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E W Lee, Ballston Spa	5 00
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"P;" Philadelphia Central	10 00
A Lady of Delaware	5 00
Mrs J E De Klyn	5 00
Com C K Stribbling, Georgetown, D C	50 00
Interest on Permanent Fund	85 50
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GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

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Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, January 5th, 1869.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 3d ch 30; Ballston Centre ch 14 70	\$44 70
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Cross Roads ch 10; Plains ch 5	15 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Beaver Falls ch 47 34; Slippery Rock ch 6	53 34
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Upper Path Valley ch 30; Monaghan ch 6; Petersburg ch 7 05	43 05
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia ch	28 30
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Oquawka ch 7 31; Keithsburg ch 5 50	12 81
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Bethel ch	4 72
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Sharon ch 3; New Albany 1st ch 25	28 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Wilton and Sugar Creek chs	6 80
<i>Pby of Nashville</i> —Columbia 1st coloured ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch 39 04; Woodbridge ch 10	49 04
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Scranton Ger ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Freehold Village ch	42 75

<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 10; Belvidere ch 30	40 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch 74 25; Princeton 1st ch 26 46	100 71
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Woodbury ch	25 63
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Bridge Hampton ch	21 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Inwood ch 45; Sing Sing ch 110	155 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Calvary ch	24 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Waveland ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch	96 10
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Benicia ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Bellevue ch	27 84
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Sinking and Spring Creek chs	36 12
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Fagg's Manor ch	34 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Sabbath-school of Chester ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bristol ch 10 93; Chestnut Hill ch 175; A Lady of Providence ch 2 50; "A I S of Providence ch 2 50	190 93
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Poke Run ch 11 43; New Salem ch 17 28	28 71
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Valley ch 13 60; Sharon ch 12; East Liberty ch, add'l 10	35 60
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Connellsville ch	36 75
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Kittanning 1st ch	200 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Hudson 1st ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Blackbird Hills ch 12 00	12 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Still Fork ch	5 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Wheeling Valley ch 10; Short Creek ch 10; Kirkwood ch 17 20	37 20
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —West Alexander ch 39; Burgettstown ch 14	53 00
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Martinsburg ch 11 60; Fairmount ch 4; Grafton ch 4	19 60
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Oregon, Jackson Co ch	10 00

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Friends in Illinois	100 00
Granite State	4 00
Mrs A C Kerr of New Castle, Del	20 00
"Mrs J K" of Troy, N Y	5 00
F Donleavy Long of Jersey Shore	5 00
Rev B J Bettelheim of Brookfield, Mo	5 00
Rev W J McCord	50
Estate of Emeline Kerr late of Washington Co, Raccoon ch	50 00
Interest on Permanent Funds	593 78
	<hr/> \$2,423 94

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,

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Philadelphia, February 5th, 1869.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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How the Freedmen Respond.

Notice was given to the missionaries among the freedmen that in a large number of the churches in the North, the first Sabbath of December would be observed as a day of special prayer and instruction on the subject of missions, with the request that they would unite their prayers with ours, that God would give grace to our beloved Church, to come to the full measure of duty which the success he had given her in planting the Church now demands. The response made to this request is such as to cheer our hearts and strengthen our faith. It would be interesting to Christians generally to read the reports from the whole field bearing upon this subject, but we have space for only a few extracts. The responses we give are from churches entirely under the care of either coloured minister or catechists, in most cases the catechist an elder of the particular church he serves.

The first report is written by the female teacher of the parochial school: "Enclosed find for the Freedmen five dollars and fifteen cents, the amount contributed by our church last Sabbath. As Mr. M—— (the white missionary) was away, I told the people the previous Sabbath, at the close of Sabbath-school, about the day of prayer and the collection to be taken up for the Committee, etc., and urged them to contribute, no matter how small a sum. I also spoke to 'Uncle Henry,' 'our ministering elder,' on the subject. He came on the following Sabbath all alive on the subject of our Christian duty, and his remarks on the text, 'Give and it shall be given unto you,' etc., were singularly to the point. We thought he dwelt too much on the subject, but perhaps he knew how better than we, and doubtless he drew out many a scrip that else would have gone some other way. The people contributed cheerfully, especially the young. Ex-Gov. Manning says, 'the labouring classes cannot be educated,' (he means the negroes I suppose,) 'and to attempt it is to throw away money.' I hope he will live a few years to realize the fallacy of his theory."

A coloured minister in North Carolina, says, "Yesterday, December the 6th, we prayed and preached *all day* about missions and the Boards of the Church, and we fixed the fourth Sabbath of this month to take a collection for the Committee on Freedmen. I don't think it will be much, the people are *so poor*. But our prayers will be something if the Lord wills to help on the great work. But be the collection much or little, we will send it to you."

The next is from a dear good elder, whose education was chiefly obtained in a blacksmith shop, where he wrought as a slave for at least thirty years of his life, and who learned to write when about forty years of age. The Church has no more devoted servant than he. His hand is hard with the burden of the sledge, but his heart is warm with the love of Jesus, and we have heard from his lips sermons of singular power and pathos, and prayers that led the soul to a living Saviour. We give his report just as he wrote it. Those who look at it long enough may find the smile excited give place to tears of sympathy, with this humble child of God feeling his way to real union with the Church. He says, "I taken up collection on last Sabbath in this church, according to the order of the General Assembly, the Sabbath-school payed three dollars the church two dollars." "I expects to send my wife away to school unles I can get a good teacher here," etc.

Two years ago upon the invitation of his pastor we ordained this dear brother to the eldership, with the laying on of hands, and with peculiar interest have we observed his progress and earnest devotion to the work to which he is called.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JANUARY, 1869.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch 22 60; Centre ch 18 50; New Lisbon ch 32; Scrub Grass ch 38; Centreville ch 25 08	\$136 18
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Sharpsburg ch 38 13; 1st ch, Allegheny City 172 16; Freedom ch 2 25	212 54
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Third ch, Albany 30; Ballston Centre ch 10 05	40 05
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —St Pauls ch 69 50; ch and sch Ebenezer 12 95; ch and sch, Wilmington 107 75; ch and sch, Edisto Island 3 90; ch and sch, Wadmalaw 1 22; ch and sch, St Andrews 1 20; sch John's Island 1 25; ch and sch, Charleston 10 65; ch and sch, Good Will 20	228 42
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Unity ch 20 50; Clarksville ch 21 78; West Middlesex ch 19; Beaver Falls ch 48 36; Pulaski ch 6; Hopewell ch 3; Newport ch 15; Slippery Rock ch 15	148 64
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 9; Ligonier ch 22 50; Murrayville ch 16; Wilksburg ch 24 75	72 25
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch, Balt	10 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch 14; Chenoa ch 9 65; 1st ch, Champaign 20 61	41 26
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Calvary ch, Atkinson, Ill	6 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch 10 50; Paxton ch, add'l 3; Frostburg ch 5	18 50
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Tipton ch 11 80; Red Oak ch 8	19 80
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Church and sch, Lexington 7 05; ch and sch, Bladen 20; ch and sch, Salisbury 20 cts; ch and sch, Greensboro' 47; ch and sch, Bethpage 6 30; ch and sch, Poplar Tent 19 75; ch and sch, Mocksville 2 05; ch and sch, Mt Vernon 4 15	106 50
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Bethany ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Red Oak ch, add'l 8; Marshall ch 6 75	14 75
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Richardsville ch 4 50; Leatherwood ch 18 53; Beechwood ch 20	43 03
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Yorktown ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 14 20; Lithopolis ch 7 50	21 70
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Byron Centre ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —First ch, Meadville	40 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Lafayette ch 3; Liberty ch 4; Shiloh ch 2	9 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Third ch, Fort Wayne 10; Pleasant Ridge ch 12 50	22 50
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Mt Hope ch 9; Hamptonburg ch, add'l 5	14 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Bellefonte ch 165 15; Spruce Creek ch 130 45; Sinking and Spring Creek chs 28	323 60
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Unity ch	13 30
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —First ch, Franklin	18 65
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —St John's ch	4 75
<i>Pby of Loganport</i> —Sugar Creek 44 57; Jefferson ch 5; Perrysburg ch 8; Sandridge Mission ch 4; 1st ch, Delphi 9 80	31 47
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Weatherly ch 4 35; Ger ch, Scranton 2	6 35
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Fresh Pond ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Salt Creek ch	21 40
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Salem ch 3 65; Pisgah ch 19	22 65
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Sab-sch 3d ch Dayton	20 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Long Run ch 13 40; Newton ch 6; East Palestine ch 3; Leetonia ch 4; East Liverpool ch 8	34 40
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Bedford ch	6 20
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Forty-second St ch, New York	380 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross St ch, Brooklyn	20 88
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	48 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Mt Washington ch 8; Temperanceville ch 10; 1st ch East Liberty 177 54; 6th ch Pittsburgh 363 46	559 90
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Harrison ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Second ch Peoria, add'l 5; Brownsville ch 6 60; Salem ch 7 25	18 85
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, Elizabeth	103 80
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —First ch Lambertville 25; 2d ch Amwell 6 25; Clinton ch 6 42	37 67
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mansfield ch 35; Perryville ch 21; McKay ch, add'l 75 cts	56 75
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —George's Creek ch 6; Laurel Hill ch 12 07; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3 55; New Providence and Greensboro' chs 20	41 62
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Concord ch 15; Ebenezer ch 28 36; Mahoning ch 5	48 36
<i>Pby of Sanjamon</i> —Farmington ch, add'l 2 50; 1st ch Decatur 12 13	14 63
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Turtle Creek ch	3 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —First ch Hudon 4 50; Westminster ch Sab-sch, St Paul 16 30	20 81
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —First Ger ch St Louis 21; Oskaloosa ch 8	29 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Cadiz ch	33 50
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Westminster ch, Quincy	12 85
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Fillmore ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch 5; Washington ch 6	11 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Cross Roads ch	17 33
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch	22 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —First ch Richmond	12 00
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Morgantown ch	23 50
Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$3,278 94

MISCELLANEOUS.

Free ch, Scotland 1,655 40; Rev G L Spinning; Chicago 7 50; Mary Martin, Brodhead, Wis 1, Coloured sch, Columbia 1 50, Miss Watt, teacher 5 = 6 50; Mrs E M Finley, Phila 25; Rev H A Barclay, Oswego, Ill 2; Mary E Garrigues, Summerfield, Ill 2; D C Reading, Raven Rock, N J 5; Noah Evans, Hillsboro', Ohio, special 150; Coloured ch, Bethpage 6 75; Coloured ch, Poplar Tent 6 15; Win M Means, Watson Station, Ohio 5; "Bellville, Ill" 1; Witherspoon coloured ch, Princeton, N J 14; Alfred Hand, Scranton, Pa, special 26; J A Jacobs, Lexington, Ky, special 100; McKnight Williamson, Greenfield, Ohio 2; "Florence, Nebraska" 6; Mr Bergen Virginia, Ill, special 100; "A and C" East Springfield, Ohio 6; Sundry small collections 9 50; Big Oak, Va, coloured sch 30; Big Oak, Va, coloured ch and sch 23 77; Columbia, Tenn, ch and sch 117 07; Mrs E G Wallingford, Pittsburgh, special 891 64

3,199 28
\$6,478 22

Received at Philadelphia.

Pby of Donegal—Belleville ch \$33 34
Pby of Fort Wayne—La Grange ch 3 35; Rev A F Randolph 65 cts 4 00
Pby of Lake—La Porte ch 10 00
Pby of Missouri River—Blackbird Hill ch 13 00
Pby of New Castle—Fagg's Manor ch 30 00
Pby of New Brunswick—Lawrenceville ch 59 75; Hightstown ch 21 74; Trenton ch 50 131 49
Pby of North River—First ch, Kingston 25 00
Pby of Newton—Hackettstown ch 67; Stillwater ch 10 77 00
Pby of Philadelphia—South ch 19 42; Chester ch 10; From her members, 7th ch, Philadelphia 10; From a member, 2d ch, Philadelphia 50 89 42
Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Providence ch, a lady and Miss A J S each 2 50 5 00
Pby of Raritan—Musconetcong Valley ch 12 00
Pby of Susquehanna—Barclay ch 3 08
Pby of Sangamon—First ch, Springfield 29 81

MISCELLANEOUS.

Eliza Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; F Donleavy Long, Jersey Shore, Pa 3; Mrs J K, Troy, N Y 5

\$476 14

Total receipts in January, \$6,954 36

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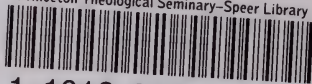
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